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RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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Sir:

This Response is being filed in response to the Office Communication mailed June 8, 2006 requesting information regarding the companies identified during the telephonic interview held herein on April 10, 2006. The June 8, 2006 Office Communication refers to "Amway," however the Applicants' representative did not refer to Amway during the interview but, rather, to Mary Kay and EZFace.

Item 3 of the Office Communication requests the names of products incorporating the claimed subject matter. The website for Mary Kay Inc., www.marykay.com, includes a link (www.marykay.com/whatsnew/virtualmakeover/default.aspx) that allows a user to apply makeup to an image of a model. The website for EZface Inc., www.ezface.com, includes a link (www.ezface.com/ActiveX/index.html) that allows the application of makeup combinations on either the user's image or a model. The Applicants do not have sufficient details of either product to determine whether the products incorporate the claimed subject matter. The links to the websites are being provided for the sake of completeness and to comply with the Applicants' duty

of disclosure. In addition, the Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the following patent relating to EZface, which was recently discovered: US 6,937,755, issued on August 30, 2005. This patent and the two websites listed above will also be disclosed in an Information Disclosure Statement.

Item 4 of the Office Communication requests a rigid comparison of the alleged infringing products along with supporting documents concerning place and dates of use and sale. The Applicants do not have sufficient details of the Mary Kay or EZface products to determine whether they infringe all the elements recited in independent claims 21, 33, and 46. Thus, the Applicants are not at this time alleging infringement by these products and are not submitting a rigid comparison.

This Response to Request for Information is accompanied by a Petition for One-Month Extension of Time to extend the due date from August 8, 2006 to September 8, 2006. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this Response to Response to Request for Information, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No.50-1847 of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips.

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